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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Information Disclosure Statement***

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on April 14, 2003 was filed after the mailing date of the Examiner's answer on December 31, 2002. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

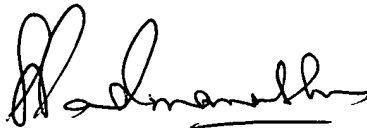
The Examiner's Answer still remain the same.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to San-ming Hui whose telephone number is (703) 305-1002. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon 9:00 to 1:00, Tu - Fri from 9:00 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan, PhD., can be reached on (703) 305-1877. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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**SREENI PADMANABHAN  
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The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was not written for publication and is not binding precedent of the Board.

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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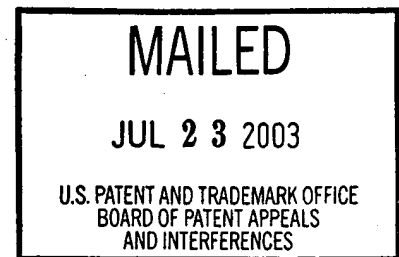
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Application No. 10/024,983

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**ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER**

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This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 30, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

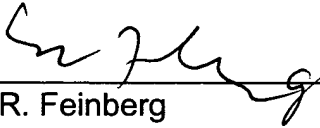
A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed April 14, 2003 (Paper No. 12). The IDS needs to be considered by the Primary Examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A written communication notifying appellants of the Primary Examiner's decision is required.

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner for consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (Paper No. 12), and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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